

Issue: _____

Your Position: _____

SPEAKER: Owning Your Views

Your job in this exercise is to explain your views or position in a way that focuses on why they make sense for you.

Begin with what you think they will find most interesting. If you don't know where to start, pick something from the table below and start talking about it.

<p style="text-align: center;">Experiences</p> Personal experiences People you know/have known personally People you've heard about People you've seen How you were raised What do you notice first (or most)	<p style="text-align: center;">Values</p> Core values at play Why it matters to you Who/what you worry about Why the issue has your attention now
<p style="text-align: center;">Beliefs</p> Beliefs about the situation Beliefs about people involved Beliefs about how funded Beliefs about how it will be implemented	<p style="text-align: center;">Fears</p> Fears about the present situation Fears about the proposed solution Fears about the unforeseen outcomes

Ideas to Get You Started

- I think _____ because _____
- _____ makes sense to me because _____
- I have experience with _____, so I tend to look at this issue from the perspective of someone who understands _____
- One of my fundamental beliefs is that _____ so I have a difficult time supporting anything that appears to be _____ OR support anything that _____
- I care about people who _____, which is why I lean in favor of _____
- I've known people who _____ so I feel comfortable saying _____
- I've SEEN people who _____ so I suspect that _____
- I worry what will happen to _____ if we _____, so I lean more to _____
- I believe/trust/accept the argument _____ because _____